

# IS ALL RIGHT ON THE WHOLE

Crop Outlook Satisfactory and  
Stock Market Shows  
Good Undertone.

## WHEAT WILL BE VERY HIGH

Monetary Situation Continues  
Favorable, and Funds Are  
Plentiful in All Parts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 13.—Henry Clews  
& Co. in their Weekly Financial Review  
says:

Another week has passed without any very serious damage to crops, or without materially reducing earlier estimates of the harvest. Wheat has risen to an unusual figure, \$1.07, owing to reports of injury by rust. The government report for August 1st has been issued, indicating a crop of 65,000,000 bushels of wheat, and 2,554,000 bushels of corn. Some deterioration has taken place in wheat since the above report, and private estimates are current as 60,000,000 bushels. High prices for wheat seem reasonable, since a short crop is increasing home consumption mean less surplus for export at a time when Europe's necessities are urgent, the world's wheat crop being anywhere from fifty to one hundred millions less than last year. Growers, therefore, should receive good prices for their product in compensation for a shortage.

### Cotton in Plenty.

Cotton we are likely to have in plenty; and as this year's heavy curtailment by the mills is depleting the supply of cotton goods, the world's visible supply of cotton also being much reduced, there is every reason to believe that the price will receive a fair value for its product, even though it be below last year's fancy and fictitious figures. August is almost invariably a month of declining condition in cotton, but allowing for that fact, the trade estimates of 12,000,000 bales on this staple are not far from government figures. There is a disposition to create a scare concerning the boll weevil, also, on the security of labor; but the former seems to be doing less harm than last year, and the latter problem is one that will probably settle itself. A slight rise in the wages of cotton pickers, which planters can easily afford, will very likely attract an ample supply of labor, which has temporarily gone to the cities, where employment was easier to obtain.

The oats, barley, hay and potato crops all promise better than a year ago, and, allowing for ordinary setbacks, the outlook remains for a better harvest than last year. The corn crop is still the subject of most concern, for while the condition is reported at 87, or nearly 9 points better than last year, the crop is late and exposed to early frost. It should be borne in mind, however, that this is the period of the season when the crops have reached a stage of maturity where any damage is likely to be beyond repair, the markets will be particularly exposed to crop scares and exaggerations. The whole country is most anxious for a good harvest on corn, and such a contingency seems almost within grasp, hence much of the hopefulness which now prevails; and if the next four weeks pass without disaster all reasonable hopes are likely to be realized.

### The Stock Market.

The stock market continues to show a good undertone, chiefly because of improved business conditions and a satisfactory crop outlook. In addition, the strength of the traction stocks infused fresh interest in the market, and even some of the long neglected industrials showed a disposition to respond to better business prospects. The iron trade gradually improves, and it seems satisfactory that the last quarter of the year is going to be the best for this branch of industry. Railroad managers look for heavy traffic during the fall and winter, and as labor agitation subsides the business improvement seems likely to extend.

Political situation presents no disturbing issues, so that apprehensions on this score are needless. The monetary situation also continues favorable, inasmuch as the crop demands, which will begin shortly, are not likely to interfere with money market. The money market is relatively plentiful in all parts of the country, and the New York banks are carrying a reserve of about \$50,000,000, which is much the heaviest surplus of the last ten years. Gold exports have commenced, and seem likely to continue, especially in view of a short supply of grain bills this year; but future cotton bills should soon be plentiful. Moreover the loss of a few millions would be slightly felt here and would be beneficial in London, so that no concern is necessary on this account. In fact, any improvement in London would quickly be reflected here, and if gold commands better rates in London than here, it is for the common good to allow its departure.

The foreign situation has had little effect upon the financial markets. Japan has continued to be a source of concern without serious interruption, but if the war is to end this season, Japan must quickly win a victory, as the time is not far distant when aggressive operations on both land and sea will be heavily handicapped by the approach of winter. Since the outlook is for a stronger and more active market, good stocks are likely to be a purchase on sharp reactions and in the absence of unfavorable developments.

### BERRYVILLE HORSE SHOW

Preparation for a Splendid Exhibit This Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BERRYVILLE, VA., August 13.—The all absorbing topic of interest here now is the fourth annual horse show of the Clarke County Horse and Cattle Show Association, which will be held here on Thursday and Friday, August 18th and 19th.

The entry list, which closed yesterday, shows a larger number of entries than ever before in the history of this show, while the class of horses entered is much superior to those shown here before.

Preparatory to the show, the grounds have been beautified and improved in a marked degree; the grandstand built a year ago, has been refitted, an exhibition stand and a band stand erected, and many new stables built, while everything has been put into first-class condition. The money prizes offered aggregate \$2,200, while a number of cups and special prizes are added to the list.

Persons among the most attractive features of the show, in addition to the jumping contest, in which some noted high-jumpers will take part, are the



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Put your extra dollars where they are safe and yield a good interest and you need not fear the future. That place is in a bank run under United States government supervision, and this is that bank. We pay you

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RICHMOND, VA.  
CAPITAL, \$200,000.00.  
SURPLUS AND PROFITS, \$235,000.00.

### STARTLING EXPERIENCE.

#### A Hanover Fox Hunter Finds a Snake in His Bed.

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ROXBURY, VA., August 13.—An exciting experience came to Mr. John Haw, of Hanover county, a few days ago. Mr. Haw is one of the most popular men of the county, a well known bachelor, lover of fun, besides a great fox hunter, and was as brave a Confederate soldier as ever went to the front. All of Grant's army could not knock off the pleasant smile that he wears to-day, as he did all through the trying days of '61 and '62. Like all bachelors, the latch string to the door of his beautiful and hospitable home is always found on the outside. In every walk of life he can count his friends by the score.

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His experience a few days ago would have put the stoutest heart to terror; not so with brave Mr. Haw. After he retired for the night and had begun to enjoy that sweet repose that is so much enjoyed by the hard working farmer, he felt there was another in his bed with him. He knew he had no invited guests. Supposing it might be imagination, he tried to sleep off the supposition. It was not long before the bed fellow began to get closer, and to be sure of the intruder, who had unobservedly slipped in, a light was made and search was begun. When to his surprise between the sheets was snuggled coiled up a large moccasin snake. How it ever got in the room is a mystery. The intruder was soon killed, and Mr. Haw was as cool and collected as if it had been only old Reynard who he had captured, whose brushes he can count by the hundred. Many congratulations have been bestowed on the narrow escape from being bitten by this deadly reptile of a most beloved friend and neighbor.

### LUMBER OPERATIONS.

#### Norfolk and Western Purchases the Rye Valley Branch.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MARION, VA., August 13.—Negotiations have been completed for the erection at this place of a large lumber plant, with daily capacity of eighty thousand feet. A Philadelphia syndicate has purchased from the Douglas Land Company several thousand acres of timber lands lying in Smyth and Grayson counties. This large timber region, hitherto inaccessible, has been brought into market by the Marion and Rye Valley Railroad and its extension, the Virginia-Southern.

It is commonly reported that the Norfolk and Western Railway Company has purchased the Marion and Rye Valley, and a competent service will bring into market the millions of feet of lumber and the tons of undeveloped iron that have long been stored in this mountainous region. J. C. Wythe, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, and Colonel Campbell Slem, present incumbent, will clash steel at the courthouse here next Monday.

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the "MEN AND WOMEN

HATERS"—to say nothing of

old maids and bachelors—to

stroll through our suit rooms,

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ter or for worse" might happen.

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## MAYOR STARRITT CUTS THE KNOT

Resigns That Council of Barton  
Heights May Elect  
Successor.

Mayor J. W. Starritt, of Barton

Heights, has resigned his office in order

that the Council, by appointing his successor,

may get rid of any doubts as to the

legality of the latter's holding the office.

His letter follows:

Barton Heights, Va., Aug. 13, 1904.

To the Council of Barton Heights:

The following is an extract from the

opinion handed down by the Supreme

Court in reference to the recent election

of Mayor and councilmen:

"I am, therefore, of the opinion that the

election held on June 14, 1904, in the

town of Barton Heights is voidable, to-wit,

because of the illegal registration of

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## PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Richmond Dealers in Iron and  
Steel Speak of Improved  
Conditions.

### PRICES EXPECTED TO RISE

This With a Healthy and Reg-  
ular Demand is En-  
couraging.

Inquiries as to the condition of the iron and steel trade in this city and the South generally, made of several local mill men and dealers yesterday, elicited varying responses.

That business of this general character has improved is agreed, and that there will be a further improvement is also conceded, business being always better in the fall and winter than in midsummer. It is also stated generally that the South is in very satisfactory condition financially. Prices for bar iron and steel are lower than in the spring, but the volume of business is reported greater and a general health with the prospect that prices will advance somewhat from their recent low level. Better business in the Southern States is anticipated by dealers.

A representative of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works said:

"Business has picked up a little since the first of July. I do not anticipate any great increase before the end of the year. Business is always better in the fall and winter than in midsummer. The South is generally in very good shape financially, but there is nothing to indicate any noteworthy developments in the iron and steel trade."

A representative of the Gordon Metal Company, jobbers in bar iron, steel and sheet metal, said:

"Business in bar iron and steel in our line is very quiet. I do not think the market is very strong. Prices are a little irregular, I would not be surprised to see prices for bar iron a little lower now, owing to the diminished demand therefor."

The office of the Southern Railway Supply Company the appended statement was made:

"Our observation leads to the conclusion that business is better now than in the spring. Prices are lower than at that time, but the volume of business is greater and the demand more healthy and regular. We think prices have about touched the lowest level. In some cases they are almost as low as in the years immediately following the monetary panic of 1903. We look for better business in the fall, particularly in the Southern States, both on account of the very large crops which will be moved, and also because we think merchants will have to replenish stocks, which have been reduced as much as possible for eight or nine months past in anticipation of a falling market. Collectively, we think the main are excellent."

### REMARKABLE GROWTH.

#### Alfalfa at Test Farm Grew an

Inc. Day—Fine Hay.

Commissioner Kottler yesterday received a very fine specimen of alfalfa from the test farm in Charlottesville county. The sample was from the second cutting, and was thirty inches in length. The first cutting was made May 30th. The second cutting was made July 1st, so that the alfalfa grew at the rate of one inch a day.

The specimen is of very fine quality, and will be sent to the Virginia exhibit at St. Louis.

There are several specimens in the Museum of the department, and the commissioner shows these to Western men who call at his office as well as to Virginia farmers.

The experiments at the test farm have demonstrated the fact that alfalfa can be successfully grown in Southwestern Virginia. The last yield at the test farm averaged a ton an acre. A good many farmers in Virginia, since the results of the experiments at the test farm, were convinced that alfalfa is a perennial and can be cut in this State four times a year. It does not require reseeded. It is very fine for feed, and makes hay superior to clover.

### TURN TIDE THIS WAY.

#### Southern Railway Co. Would Bring Desirable Labor to South.

The Southern Railway is now taking a more active interest than ever in endeavoring to secure desirable immigration to the Southern States, a matter in which it has long been at work. The scarcity of labor in the South is becoming a serious menace to the prosperity of that section, and immigration is urged as the solution of the problem. A gentleman from one of the Southern States states that all the negro men and boys in his State were leaving the farms for work in the brick yards and iron mills and other industries offering better remuneration. The

editor-in-chief for Silver, Burdett and Ginn, Mr. Charles E. Rogers, is a Virginia native, and is also a native of the State, and Mr. C. B. Bowry, formerly of Williamsburg, is a representative of the company in Southern Illinois.

### Great Freight Yards.

One of the largest and best equipped railroad yards, it is reported, is to be built on the Virginia side of the Potomac River just opposite the city of Washington. The yards are to be used by the Southern, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and the Pennsylvania.

The Baltimore and Ohio, the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Great Falls and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western will use the yards under contract.

Work has been started, a hundred hands having begun the grading, by which the latter has agreed to repair for the Erie more than 600 locomotives, or at the rate of one locomotive a day for the next two years.

### Bought Up All the Stock.

Subscriptions have been received for the entire \$250,000 capital of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, which has been incorporated in Charleston, W. Va.



Spring Chickens, per pound, 18c

Large Irish Potatoes, per peck, 18c

Large July Lemons, per dozen, 12c

Smart Bet Whiskey, extra quality, quart bottle, 75c

White A Sugar, per pound, 4 1/2c

Matchless, extra quality, per box, 4c

Emeline Sove Polish for Arm and Hammer Brand Soda, per box, 14c

Oil Sardines, per box, 12c

Best Sugar Cured Hams, per pound, 12c

Bacon, per pound, 12c

Sand Soap, for cleaning purposes, two bars for, 5c

Country Jowls, per pound, 5c

2 boxes of Pearlina or Gold Dust for, 5c

Canned Tomatoes, good quality, per can, 10c

Worcester Sauce and Catsup, per bottle, 25c

Ham and Veal Loaf, 9c, or three for, 25c

Seven pounds of Large Lump Starfish, per can, 25c

Table Peaches, large cans, two for, 25c

Try Our Silver King Minnesota Patent Family Flour, \$5.50 or 35c Bag.

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3-lb. Jars Home Made Preserves, 18c  
Mason's Jars, porcelain tops, 60c  
Quarts, 46c, dozen, one-half gal., 9c  
Pure Leaf Lard, best quality, per pound, 40c  
Don't fail to try our regular 60c Tea, which we are now selling at, per pound, 25c  
Sour Pickles, per gal., 50c  
Sweet Mixed Pickles, per gallon, 50c  
New N. C. Roe Herrings, 18c, dozen, 50c  
5.75 barrel, or